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JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Are the Government aware of the feeling in certain sections of the public that certain officers are being given extension after extension? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir, it is a fact that we had to give some extensions to some officers because there were not suitable men to take their places and the exigencies of the service required that we should continue the existing officer for some time more."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to give extension of service or re-employment? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Generally, Sir, it is re-employment; on rare occasions it may be extension of service."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Are we to understand that extensions are given because suitable officers are not found to take the place of these officers? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is this extension or re-employment confined to technical service officers only? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Mostly to technical officers, especially in the Public Works Department where supervisors and draughtsmen are given extensions. In rare cases, it may be other people also."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, why the junior officers should not be appointed to these posts? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" They are junior officers and therefore they cannot be sometimes promoted to the senior places."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" I mean only those who are fit to be promoted and to occupy those places."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" If they are fit to be promoted, we will certainly promote them and retire the senior officers. But if the junior officer is such a junior as not to be able to take the place of the senior who is retiring, then we give him an extension."

Preparation of electoral rolls for both the Houses of the State Legislature.

* 12-A *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the arrangements for the preparation of electoral rolls for both the Houses of State Legislature have progressed and when the final electoral rolls are expected to be ready;

(*b*) what arrangements exist for the elimination of the dead and the disqualified from the preliminary rolls;

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(c) whether it is proposed to set up a permanent machinery to keep the electoral rolls up-to-date; and

(d) whether the Government will make a full statement of the various steps taken for the preparation and publication of electoral rolls and ensure their correctness in respect of both the Houses of State Legislature?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) The printing of the draft electoral rolls for the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Union House of the People on the basis of adult suffrage prepared after the enumeration of voters in 1948 is almost complete. As the Representation of the People Act, 1950, since enacted by the Parliament, liberalized the franchise qualifications, a supplementary enumeration of voters was conducted in June 1950 and the work of preparation of the supplementary draft electoral rolls is now in progress. The draft electoral rolls for the Local Authorities', Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council are also under preparation. It is expected that these draft rolls will be ready for publication as the preliminary electoral rolls by about the middle of September 1950. After the disposal of claims and objections, the final rolls will be published by about the middle of February 1951.

" (b) During the supplementary enumeration of voters a separate list of deceased voters has been prepared. The draft rolls now prepared will be published, as they are, as the preliminary electoral rolls, and after such publication, the Electoral Registration Officer will apply to the Revising Authority for the removal from the rolls of the names of the deceased voters and of persons who are subject to any disqualification.

" (c) The electoral rolls under preparation, when finalized, will remain in force till the 30th September 1952 and the rolls will be revised every year from 1952 onwards. There is no proposal at present to set up a permanent machinery for the revision of the rolls and the question of the machinery necessary will be decided in due course with reference to the statutory rules regarding the revision of the rolls recently promulgated by the Central Government.

" (d) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Sir, when steps are taken for the elimination of the dead and the disqualified from the preliminary rolls, may I know whether adequate notice will be given? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" If any such person has given his address 'care of' somebody, the information will be intimated to him."

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 229–230 infra.

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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" In some cases, living persons have been classed among the dead. It is why I asked whether some notice will be published."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Again, the hon. Member may suggest a method of giving notice."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" I suggest that notices may be published in the villages concerned."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The dead had better take charge of these people, Sir."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" He suggests that when the preliminary rolls are published a list of those who are said to be dead may also be published."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that I have received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor, dated 8th August 1950 :—

' Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have received with great satisfaction your resolution of thanks for the Address with which I opened the present session of the Legislature.

Yours sincerely,
Krishna Kumar Sinhji.' "

III.—ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE PROVINCIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri Maddi Sudarsanam is the only candidate duly nominated for a seat in the Provincial Library Committee. I hereby declare him duly elected."

IV.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES AND THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS TO LEGISLATURES—*cont.*

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. Chairman, I think the House will express its thanks to the Hon. the Finance Minister for the opportunity he has given us to have our say in this matter and also for the very lucid manner in which he has tried to explain the whole position to this House. I can see that the Hon. the Finance Minister was labouring under many difficulties, not the least of which was due to the Constitution itself which is as vague as it can be. It is most regrettable that when the Constitution was framed, there were not persons who were fit and able, by virtue of their knowledge of Constitution-making in other countries to advise in an impartial manner, the Constituent Assembly that was set up for some other purpose and which later on transformed itself into an Assembly for the framing of the Constitution. It is too late in the day for us to regret it, but I venture to state that if Constitution making had gone on on the same